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Smog Relief Proposed

After two years of experimenting, a retired mining engineer down in California believes he has a solution for the smog problem which has bothered the Los Angeles area so much in recent years.

W. H. Casteel, who learned how to clear the dead air out of mines while working as a ventilation expert, got to thinking that the method which works below the ground would work above it.

ENGINEER Casteel believes the Martian-like apparatus could cause the smog-filled air to move and eventually break up—just as the same principle moves bad air in a mine and replaces it with uncontaminated air.

The units, several hundred of them, electrically controlled from a central point, would be spotted at strategic locations throughout the Los Angeles basin.

IF IT were to prove of value in shoving the mixture of fog and smoke out of Los Angeles it might be assumed that a similar installation would be able to waft the fog out of our little basin between the Table rocks and Ashland.

Unfortunately, however, we will probably never know whether Casteel's smog dispersal plan would work here, even if it is installed and does the business for Los Angeles, because \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 would be required to finance the project.—E.C.F.

Too Many Ring Deaths

Boxing is responsible for a certain number of deaths each year. It is a strenuous sport and its hazards are known and accepted by most of those who go into the ring but the growing number of young men suffering death through brain injuries leads one to wonder why safeguards cannot be adopted which would eliminate or at least reduce that particular danger.

Only last week a Klamath Falls fighter died soon after receiving blows which caused a cerebral hemorrhage and a night later a boxer in Boston succumbed after undergoing an operation to remove a blood clot from his brain.

A GROUP of Swedish physicians who recently made a thorough investigation of the risk of brain injuries in boxing reached the conclusion that there is definite danger, especially for the young and less skilled.

The doctors based their conclusion on examination of 75 young Swedish amateur boxers after 102 matches, which they watched from ringside.

Examined after the bouts, fourteen of the amateurs showed symptoms similar to those after light brain concussions. The doctors found minor symptoms of brain disturbances in nine other cases.

The examinations were made with the aid of sensitive instruments which record the electric currents in the brain.

WHILE knockout victims may not show any immediate ill effects it is a well known fact that the cumulative effect of battering about the head is the mental foggiest often noted in ring veterans who are referred to as "punchy."

Padded headgear which protects the eyes and ears and also absorbs some of the force of blows landing on the head is often used by fighters in training. Those interested in boxing might do well to consider use of such a protective device in all matches, both amateur and professional.—E.C.F.

Plan Eugene Civic Center

In Eugene where, some time back, the residents turned down a bond issue to provide off-street parking, an even more ambitious civic project has been proposed. Apparently backed by county officials, the city planning commission, the chamber of commerce and the junior chamber of commerce, the program includes a multi-block county-civic center in downtown Eugene with buildings to house the library, county offices; state and federal buildings, city buildings, a railroad station, an auditorium and cultural area, and parking space.

The over-all plan which was put forth after a year's study has been received with considerable interest in the university city because of the general realization that both the Lane county courthouse and the city hall have long since been outgrown and must be replaced in the not far distant future.—E.C.F.

Editorial Comment

Salem's Growth
Salem apparently isn't busting its bootstraps so much as it is being hemmed in by them, meaning its official boundaries. That fact became somewhat annoyingly yet truly apparent when the official census for 1950 showed a within-city population from 5,000 to 10,000 short of expected figures.

criteria do not seem very accurate bases for population estimates these days. With families averaging fewer people than formerly, with a marked trend to home-building and home-owning, and with an even more apparent trend to rural living, city estimates of total population seldom are accurate.

Babson and Church Money

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Mail Tribune)—During 1936-1938 the Moderator of the National Council of Congregational and Christian Churches made a revolutionary suggestion for raising money.

He combined religious and business appeal. His words then fell on barren soil. The leaders of the great church denominations called his suggestions "sacrilegious."

If you will turn to page 7 of TIME MAGAZINE for October 11, 1954, you can read a most remarkable advertisement of a Church Money-Raising Organization. I don't know anyone connected with this group.

Every reader must know of the universal habit of the members of certain churches to give one-tenth of their income to their church. The members of most churches, however, are—in plain English—stingy.

Church Canvasser No Longer Begs
This attitude is changing in a marvelous manner. It makes me hopeful for the years ahead because, fundamentally, business prosperity is dependent on our spiritual growth.

Some Principle Applies To Your Business and Jobs
I, however, am interested in this Revolution in Fund Raising for a far greater reason. These "New Look" Giving Campaigns are led by successful businessmen who start off with large personal gifts, more than they have ever given before.

Environment helps some to get the youngster started right. But you who chance to read this, have seen fine men and women from out of broken homes or no home at all. Why? Because of their good heritage. So, what is the best substitute for good heritage? Responsibility.

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I believe some physicians and other professional men have this desire to give every day of the week. Also some insurance and other salesmen pray about their work. But how many manufacturers or merchants make their business a part of their spiritual worship? How many church members, holding jobs in factories, have in mind the buyer who is to use the product they are making? I forecast that the time is coming when both employer and employee will pray for the consumers and customers.

In fact, the Church Canvasser
ital city. We aren't for pressing the matter one way or another, but if and when more of the immediately adjacent residential areas become part of the municipality a truer population picture will be available.

NEW RADIO STATION
Washington (U.P.)—The Federal Communications Commission yesterday granted Polk County Broadcasters a permit for a new 500 watt daytime radio station at Dallas, Ore., to operate on 1460 kilocycles.

who calls upon us with this new message may be blazing the way for a new spiritual Renaissance. According to cycle theory, history must repeat itself—good things as well as for evil things. Furthermore, there are many different cycles always in operation. It is the dominant one which will affect us.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

T.V.'s Pandora Box

To the Editor: More and more, parents are seeing in their pridefully acquired TV set, something most awful near a Pandora box. For from it is coming things truly frightening.

She needn't worry too much, for her children like most children will winnow out the better part of what appeals to their better judgment, to their better heritage, rejecting and mostly forgetting the silly and too often evil trash.

It is that small minority of small fry born with and of twisted minds who absorb and get the knowhow of the double-cross, betrayal, robbery and murder taught from the TV, radio and movie screen.

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Developments in Case Of Imprisoned Airmen Week's Good News

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Staff Correspondent
The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Good

1. There seemed reason to hope that regardless of immediate developments, the United States might get the Chinese Communists to free not only 11 Air Force men imprisoned on Red spy charges but 46 other Americans as well. The 46 include four other Air Force men held in violation of the Korean armistice, 28 civilians in jail, three under house arrest and 11 denied exit permits.

2. It was indicated that Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, sentenced to life imprisonment by the Hungarian Communists as part of their campaign against the Christian religion, would soon be free if he is not already. A Roman Catholic news service in Austria reported that Mindszenty already had been permitted to return to his archdiocese at Esztergom. The report was not confirmed. But it has been long known that the Reds realize they blundered in making Mindszenty a martyr, and that they would welcome a chance to let him go.

3. Soviet Russia was given a humiliating defeat in the United Nations on its complaint that

the Chinese Nationalists were guilty of "piracy" by seizing ships taking oil and other strategic cargoes to Red China and that the United States was responsible. Faced by certain and overwhelming defeat, the Soviet delegation did not even press its complaint to a vote in the U.N. Special Political Committee. The Soviet complaint was referred to the U.N. International Law Commission, which means that it has been shelved.

1. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer faced a fight in parliament which could delay ratification of the treaties for arming the Bonn Republic. Adenauer is expected to override Socialist opposition to the treaties without difficulty. But some members of parliament bitterly criticized the German-French agreement on the future of the Saar coal region which is an essential part of the arms "package."

2. Angry anti-American riots broke out in Greece because the United States refused to support a Greek demand in the U.N. that Great Britain grant the right of "self-determination" to the people of Cyprus. Greece is certain that the people would choose union with it. The Greek delegation in the U.N. accepted a compromise which would delay consideration of its demand for at least one year. But this did not satisfy the people at home.

3. The situation in South Viet Nam in Indochina remained serious. The government of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem was shaky. Armed units fought guerrillas and mutinous troops in two areas. Unless firm government can be restored, there is danger that the entire state may fall into the hands of the Communists who now hold North Viet Nam.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING

The American Bible Society, the Medford Ministerial Association and the Medford Council of Church Women are cooperating in sponsoring daily Bible reading in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The suggested scripture reading for today is: Romans 9.

Portland Pair Escape Death in Auto Crash

Portland (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Curley Massey of Portland escaped death yesterday when their car skidded on ice and plunged through a guard rail on the Thurman street bridge 58 feet to the gully below.

Mrs. Massey was thrown clear and her husband was pinned behind the wheel. Both were seriously hurt with spinal and internal injuries. They were in fair condition today.

The first plot of ground for Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., was appropriated by the government June 15, 1864.

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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1944
(It was Sunday)
Max Henne, Medford manager for United Air Lines, discusses Alaska at meeting of Medford Lions club.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: More fancy horses are being imported into the valley who can trace their ancestors back to Arabia, Old Mexico, Tennessee, Kentucky and Little Butte creek. If this keeps up, oats will get to be a problem like gasoline.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1934
(It was Monday)
Attorney Joe F. Fliegel resigns as member of Medford city planning commission.

Screen Star Irene Dunne pays brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pellet of Medford.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1924
Sheriff-elect Ralph G. Jennings announces he will retain three members of the present staff.

Rogue River reported "full of ice cakes" at Grants Pass.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1914
Dr. J. W. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, declares that Jackson county is an ideal spot in which to raise sugar beets.

From the Local and Personal Column: A "silver freeze" was experienced in the valley last night after a light snowfall of the previous afternoon, frost covering telephone wire, windows and other objects. The mercury dropped to 13.5 above yesterday, the coldest of the season, the previous low being 17 above. The sun is shining brightly today, and the snow is melting slowly in a cold nippy air. It is possible this year will be a white Christmas. The pavements were a glare of ice, and horses wore chains.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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- 1. The new agreements on rearming Germany have so far been ratified by both France and Germany, or neither, or Germany and not France, or France and not Germany?
2. A majority in an election is the same as a plurality; right or wrong?
3. The Confederate States of America had its first capital in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas or Virginia?
4. The 48 states together collect much more from taxes on liquor or from their auto licenses?
5. The first U.S. talking movie starred Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Al Jolson, Theda Bara or Eddie Cantor?
6. In a standard deck of playing cards there is a moustache on all four kings, three, two, only one, or none?
7. A Monegasque is a native of which small European country?

The answers: By neither so far. 2. Wrong; majority is more than half, plurality is only more votes than anybody else got. 3. Alabama (Montgomery). 4. From auto licenses. 5. Al Jolson. 6. One (king of hearts). 7. Monaco.

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